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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

) Examiner: Rabon Sergent
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Sir:

The following amendments are being submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.112 in response to the Office Action of October 15, 2004. Applicant takes this opportunity to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of an in-person interview on January 25, 2005.

The application as presently amended now contains a total of five (5) independent claims. Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, applicant owes a total fee of \$200.00 for the additional two claims. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500846.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows.